

Today's
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.Under the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH.
Representative—Mr. HAMILTON.THIS EVENING,
(SATURDAY), the 12th March, 1898,
Commencing at 9 P.M.

THE BROUGH COMEDY COMPANY.

THIS EVENING,
LAST PRODUCTION IN HONGKONG OF
"AN IDEAL HUSBAND."

By OSCAR WILDE.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY,
14th and 15th March,
"THE SOLICITOR.""THE SOLICITOR,"
"THE SOLICITOR,"
An Original Farce Comedy, by
J. H. DARNLEY.WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
16th and 17th March,
"THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN,"
"THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN,"
"THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN,"
By HENRY ARTHUR JONES.PRICES OF ADMISSION.
DRESS CIRCLE AND ORCHESTRA STALLS \$3
STALLS \$2
PIT \$1Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Hall Price
to the Pit only.Doors open 8.15 P.M. Curtain 9 P.M.
Box Plan now open at the ROBINSON Piano
Co's Warehouse.A Late Train for the Peak will leave each
evening fifteen minutes after the fall of the
curtain.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1898. [320]

LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED.

AN UNBROKEN RECORD, in Happy
Valley on the 12th March, 1898. Last
heard of at the above mentioned place at 5.30
P.M. on that date. If found please return to
THE SECRETARY,
Hongkong, 12th March 1898. [384]THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-
FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the above COMPANY will be
held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2, Fin-
layson Green, Singapore, on TUESDAY, the
12th day of April, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Directors' Annual Report and
accounts to 31st December, 1897.
By Order of the Directors,
A. S. MURRAY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1898. [380]

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.NOTICE is hereby given that the TRANS-
FER BOOKS of the above COMPANY
will be CLOSED from 29th March to 12th of
April, 1898, both days inclusive.
By order of the Directors,
A. S. MURRAY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1898. [381]

PHRENOLOGY AND SCIEN-IFIC
PALMISTRY.MRS. JOSEPHA NORTH, Late of London,
New York, Sydney and Calcutta, WILL
VISIT HONGKONG about the 22nd MARCH,
for a short season only. By the aid of Phre-
nology and Palmistry, combined with her wonderful
gift of Psychometry, Mrs. NORTH can tell you
the Past, Present and Future; describes your
Character and gives advice as to matters of
Business, Health and Marriage. Numerous
testimonials and Press Notices testify to her
marvellous power as a discerner of character and
events.Any Arrangements for consultations with
Mrs. NORTH can be made after the above
date, with her Manager.W. S. GIVEN,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1898. [383]

TO LET.

D WELING HOUSES—
No. 5, SKYMOUR TERRACE,
No. 5, RIFON TERRACE,
No. 16, KNUSTFORD TERRACE,
KOWLOON.BAHAR LODGE—at the PEAK,
No. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD,
FLOORS in STANTON and ELGIN
STREETS.GODOWNS in BLUE BUILDINGS,
GODOWNS, PRAYA EAST.Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1898. [12]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR TAKAO.

THE Company's Steamship

"WUHU,"
Captains Benson, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1898. [382]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVA-
TION COMPANY.(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN
GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA,"
Captains L. Breit, will leave for the above
places on SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at
Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1898. [381]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co's WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and
other Large Consumers.Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are
requested to send in a Statement of
Business contributed during the Half Year
ended 31st December, 1897 on or before the
15th March, on which date the Accounts will
be CLOSED.By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1898. [301]

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London
House, bought direct at first hand, imported in
wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all
intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply
the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.PPICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the Dispensary before being sent out.SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.CLARET—Our Clarets, including the lowest
prices, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are
not artificially made from raisins and
currants, as is generally the case with Cheap
Wines.BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to
be pure Cognac, the difference in price
being merely a question of age and vintage.WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to
be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colon or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions,
Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong
Telegraph" and not to the Editor.Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and
not to individual members of the staff.Communications intended for publication must be accompanied
by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for
publication, but as evidence of good faith.Within the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always
be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions
affecting public interests; it must be distinctly understood that
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1898.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

MR. CURZON ON THE RELATIONS OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

LONDON, March 10th.

Mr. Curzon in his speech on the 3rd of March
said that the Chinese Concessions to Great
Britain (not, as at first telegraphed, the loan
from the Banks) proved the friendliness of
China and the ability of Sir Claude MacDonald.

THE RUSSIAN NAVY.

An Imperial Ukase ordains an extraordinary
expenditure of nearly million roubles for the
construction of new war-ships.

THE "TIMES" ON BRITISH WAR SPIRIT.

The Times, in a leading article, says that
never since the Crimean war have the British
people been less disposed to break evenly theinfringement of their just rights from any
quarter, and that they are convinced of the jus-
tice of their cause and of the magnitude of the
issues both in China and West Africa.THE FRANCO-BRITISH DISPUTES.
THE WAR SCARE DISSIPATED.

PARIS, March 10th.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Hanotaux,
Foreign Minister, declared that the negotia-
tions between the British and French Govern-
ments on the subject of the Niger were continuing.
They were perfectly amicable and there was every
reason to feel confident of an early settlement on
a basis mutually desirable. He pronounced in
the name of the Chamber a eulogy on Surgeon
Berni, who was recently killed on the Niger.
(Loud applause.)

PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

PARIS, March 3rd.

Last week 1097 deaths from plague were
reported to Bombay. A maledy called "Black
Blister" has broken out at two points in the
province of Hyderabad, and there have been 50
deaths per day.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.73 per £.

Two men charged with breaking into a house
in Third Street were to-day sentenced to two
months' hard labour.INSPECTOR Kemp made a seizure of six rifles,
two revolvers and a large quantity of ammuni-
tion on a junk in the harbour yesterday. The
woman who holds the license for the vessel was
to-day fined \$100.The football match, Kowloon v. 25th Co. S.F.,
R.A. in the second round for the Football shield
was played at Happy Valley this afternoon and
resulted in a victory for the Artillerymen by
three goals to two.The *Extrême Orient* reports an explosion of
fire-damp at Kibbo coal-mine, whereby eleven
convict labourers were killed on the spot and
seven seriously wounded, some so badly as to
have no chance of surviving.ON Monday afternoon next at 4.15, H. R. H.
Prince Henry of Prussia will be entertained at a
garden party at Cavendish House. His ship, the
Deutschland, will arrive at Kowloon Dock on
Monday morning for repairs.As the result of a *post mortem* made on the
body of the late Mr. H. Cook, manager of the
New Club the presence of an irritant poison
was found and an inquest will be held concern-
ing the matter at the Magistracy at noon on
Monday.IN Chambers yesterday His Lordship the Chief
Justice heard an application from Mr. J. J.
Francis, Q.C., to amend the petition in the suit
Gubbay and others v. Belliss, so as to make it
a case for specific performance. His Lordship
refused the application.AT the Magistracy to-day a Chinese mud-boat
contractor was charged with attempting to bribe
an officer of the P. W. D., Mr. Tricot, a for-
eign man on the Praya Reclamation work. It seems
that defendant had before approached Mr.
Tricot, with a view to getting him to give false
certificates regarding the size of the boats. He
was told to come to the foreman's office on the
Praya and there Detective Gidley and Mr.
Moodle, who were secreted in a cupboard, heard
defendant offer Mr. Tricot \$30.60 for each boat
for which a false measurement was given. The
detective and Messrs. Tricot and Moodle gave
evidence and defendant, who was defended by
Mr. J. Hastings, was committed for trial. He
was allowed bail in \$1,000 which was forth-
coming.MESSRS. Wm. G. Hale & Co's Rice-Trade
Circular, dated Saigon, 1st March, says:—The
weather has been tolerably fine, but, at times,
there are signs of rain and even occasional
showers which, it is to be hoped, will not
diminute in any serious fall. Supplies are
40/45/50 Pilsa daily, and will presently increase
considerably. Demand is for Singapore and
Hongkong to a moderate, and for Japan to a
fairly active degree and prices are stronger.
We quote for March/April delivery:—No. 1
White steam Milled (round) \$3.75, No. 2 \$3.60,
20 p.c. cent. Cargo \$3.51, 20 p.c. cent. \$3.49.
First cost per picul of 134 lbs gross English,
without duty or any other charges is 8/8 1/2d,
5/5d, 4/7d, 4/6d. Per Cwt., nett F. O. B.
5/5d, 4/7d, 4/6d, 4/5d, including cost, duty,
charge, commission and exchange, no in-
surance. Freight is much livelier to Hong-
kong at 21/22 cents; to Singapore 18/19 cents;
little doing elsewhere.SCIENTISTS have long been puzzled by the
wonderful geological phenomenon presented by
Pitch Lake, in the Island of Trinidad, the well-
known source of such vast supplies of asphaltum
used on the streets of this and other countries.
The lake or pit is estimated at only some one
hundred and thirteen acres in area yet it has
yielded up many hundreds of thousands of tons
of asphaltum, and notwithstanding the quantity
dug out, the excavation, curiously enough, is re-
filled with the strange substance in two or three
weeks, and thus it is that the level of Pitch
Lake is said to be never lowered. A horse and
cart can travel over this asphalt surface, but
there are soft spots in which the animal would
sink if he stood still. The temperature of this
asphaltum in its natural and inexhaustible re-
servoir is stated to be nominally a little above
the temperature of the atmosphere, but there
are indications all over the island that at some
period, ages ago, Pitch Lake boiled over, and
the liquid asphaltum covered the island. This
overflow also formed ledges of asphaltum on the
seacoast, and the wonderful wearing and last-
ing properties of the material are abundantly
shown by the unaltered condition of the ledges
which project into the ocean and are constantly
subject to the action of the waves.THE *Courrier d'Haiphong* reports that M.
Vivian, acting director of the Banghien mines
near Tourane, was attacked by a huge tiger
while riding on horseback along the road to the
mines. The horse let out vigorously with his
hoofs and by a few lucky hits drove the tiger off.
Both M. Vivian and his gallant steed were
scratched and bitten.A SQUABBLE between two school-boys on Praya
West resulted in a fight and one of them, a
Chinese, got the worst of it. To-day he charged
his assailant, a boy named Ki Cheong who wore
European clothes, with having assaulted him.
After hearing the evidence Captain Hastings
bound the defendant over to be of good be-
haviour for one day in a surety of 5 cents.ONE of the latest and most ingenious things in-
vented and made in Germany is an automatic
snubbed. As soon as the sun shines on the
window to be protected, the blind lets itself down,
and when the sunshine ceases the blind draws
itself up again. Two glass bulbs are connected
by a U-tube partially filled with mercury. A
platinum wire melted into the glass makes con-
tact with the mercury at the bend of the tube,
and there are also platinum contact wires brought
in contact with the mercury only when it stands
level on the two sides, and the other only when
the mercury in one side of the tube rises. One of
the bulbs contains only air, and the other is
filled with black wool. When there is no sun-
shine the air in the two bulbs occupies the same
volume, and the mercury stands at equal heights
in both legs of the tube; but when the sun is
shining the bulb containing the black wool
absorbs the rays and causes the mercury to rise
in the opposite side of the tube. This closes the
circuit of a motor which lets down the blind. An
automatic switch cuts off the current as soon as
the blind gets to the end of its range, and re-
verses the connections of the motor, so that it is ready
to wind up the blind as soon as the other con-
tact in the tube is made. When the blind reaches
the top, the current is again switched off, and
the connections are reversed.MESSRS. BENJAMIN, KELLY & PORTS, in their
Weekly Share Report, dated Hongkong, Friday,
11th March, say:—Since our last report the
market has been slightly checked by the un-
settled state of political affairs, and business
has in consequence not been so active. Hong-
kong and Shanghai Banks were placed at 103
and 105 per cent premium during the early part
of the week, but owing to the unsettled state of
political affairs, suffered rather a sharp drop and
were sold at declining rates down to 185 per
cent. At the close, the market is much
firmer and sales have been effected at 100 and
101 per cent premium. Nationals have been
sold in small lots at \$16. Hongkong, Canton
and Macao Steamboats have been sold at \$27.
\$18 and \$27. Indo-China have been in strong
demand and have been sold to a large extent at
\$54 \$55, \$56 and \$57. Douglis Steamships
have improved slightly and have been placed
at \$59 and \$59. China and Manila are firm
with buyers at \$38 and sales at \$37. Luzon
Sugars have declined to \$172 sales. Luzon
have been bought and are wanted at \$41.
Poufong have been placed to a considerable
extent at \$6.50 and \$6.60. Charbonnages have
changed hands at \$145 and are wanted at the
rate. New Balmores are offering at \$150 and
\$1.80 for the Ordinary and Preference respec-
tively. Rafts have been placed at \$12 and
\$25. Sales of Hongkong and Whampoa Docks
have been negotiated at 238 p.c. cent premium,
and for April at 243 p.c. cent premium, and
shares are now wanted at 240 per cent premium.
Kowloon Wharf shares are offering at \$58.
Hongkong Hotels are firmer and shares have
sold at \$51, \$51 and \$52. Hongkong Lands
are obtainable at \$74. Humphrey's Estate
are quoted at \$84 ex the dividend of 6 per cent
per share paid on the 7th instant. Hongkong
Cottons have found buyers at \$12. We have
heard of no sales in other stocks under this
heading.In the year 1884 Count Vassil published a
pamphlet entitled "Crust and Society in Ber-
lin." It was promptly suppressed in Germany
but it was read nevertheless. The criticism of
the then Crown Prince attracted a good deal
of attention, partly, of course, because of its fidelity
to the truth in most important particulars.
Here is the author's estimate:—"Prince Wil-
helm is just four-and-twenty, so that it is hard
to say how he will turn out. He is undoubtedly
a young man with a future, and has wit, intel-
ligence and pluck. He is the cleverest of the
royal princes and is courageous, enterprising,
ambitious, hot-headed but warm hearted, most
sympathetic; he has 'go,' fire and mobility in
character and mind, readiness in intercourse and
this to such an extent that one might almost
fancy he was not a German. He is enthusiastically
fond of the army, and is in turn much beloved
by it. In spite of his youth, he has known how
to make himself popular with all classes of
society. He is well taught, has read much
plans for the prosperity of his country,
and has remarkable understanding for every-
thing connected with policy. He will certainly
be a man of mark, and probably a great
monarch. Prussia will perhaps find in him
another Frederick the Great, but without that
ruler's scepticism; besides which he possesses
a suppleness of character that will soften
down the touches of harshness which will belong
to him as a true Hohenzollern. He will be
above all a personal monarch, and will not
allow himself to be led; he will have a sound
and temperate judgment, a quick decision, a
firm will, and energetic action. If he comes to
the throne, he will carry on the work of his
grandfather, and will certainly undo that of his
father, whatever it may be. The enemies of
Germany will find in him an adversary to be
feared, and he may well prove the Henry IV.
of his country." Such was the judgment of a
French man who hated Germany. It must be
admitted that the sketch has proved wonderfully
accurate so far.A NAVY Yard coxswain was sent to goal for fourteen
days to-day for the theft of some copper, the
property of the Crown.WITH reference to the imposition of quarantine
at Singapore on arrivals from Hongkong, we are
pleased to learn that, providing there are no
Chinese passengers on board on arrival at
Singapore, vessels are admitted to pratique after
satisfactory inspection has been made.A WRISTED looking Kanaka was brought up
at the Magistracy to-day charged with vagrancy.
He had been remanded for the attendance
of an interpreter and as no interpreter appeared
to-day Capt. Hastings discharged the man, and
suggested that he be taken to the Hawaiian
Consul.

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LTD.

A meeting of shareholders in the above was
held at the Bank, Queen's Road, at noon to-
day. Mr. D. Gilles presided and there were
also present Messrs. E. Lauts, Chow Tung Shan,
Chan Kit Sang, Kwang Shan (directors), A.
Deacon (Solicitor), E. Kelly, A. Moir, W. H.
Potts, W. G. Winterburn, Terry, Blachoff, Fink,
Fung Wa Chuen and a number of other gentle-
men.The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, as you will
have seen from the Report which, with your
permission, we will take as read, together with
the accompanying accounts, we are not in a
position to give you a dividend on this occasion.
As you are no doubt aware there has been great
tightness of money during the past half year,
and it says a great deal for traders and financial
institutions that such continued tightness was
tided over without disaster. To some institu-
tions the period of tightness was a period of
extra profit, but for us, unfortunately, it has not
been so; this combined with fluctuations in
exchange, which made operations extremely
difficult, accounts for the unsatisfactory result of
last year's working. Our funds are mostly en-
gaged in exchange operations, our ad-
vances being only a little over \$900,000. The
item "Securities belonging to the Bank" has
been reduced by nearly half. Provision has been duly made in
the past year's account for Bad Debts. Per-
haps it is as well to mention here, as we see we
have omitted to state it in the Balance Sheet,
that the total capital is represented by 40,455
shares. The greatest economy will be exercised
in future in order to keep the Capital in hand.
We would remind you that in our report for
10th June, 1895, we stated as follows:—"Your
Directors have forfeited certain shares on which
the calls have not been paid (including those
belonging to Russell & Co) and the amount
paid thereon and now forfeited is all held in a
Special Reserve Account to be dealt with as
separately will see." Such amounts we sub-
sequently utilized (as stated in our report) to
wipe out Bad Debts, principally incurred here
at the starting of the Bank and in Yokohama
and Shanghai. Several London Shareholders,
however, having suggested that such amounts
should be mentioned at the General Meet-
ing, we now do so. Excellent professional
advisors in London recommend the scheme set
before you in the Report, so that the balance
at credit of the Forfeited Shares Account, to-
gether with the balance at credit of Reserve Fund,
in all \$1,059,457.64, should be amalgamated in a
new account called Capital Reserve Fund, and
such fund will be brought up to \$1,750,000 out
of future earnings. In proposing that the Re-
port and Accounts be adopted I would simply
state that the Bank is in a perfectly sound
condition.There were no questions asked and the Chair-
man proposed the adoption of the report and
accounts.Mr. Si Fung Chan seconded the motion which
was carried.Mr. Wo Yit Tang moved the re-election of
Mr. Gilles as a director in Hongkong and of
Sir C. B. Stewart-Wortley as director in London,
and also that the appointment of Mr. Law's be
confirmed.The motion was seconded by Mr. Chiang Wa
Hing and carried.Messrs. J. H. Cox and W. H. Potts were re-
elected auditors.The Chairman said:—That is about all the
business we have to put before you gentlemen
and I assure you it is with deep regret the
directors and chief managers appear before you
on this occasion unable to pay such a dividend
as we have paid in former years even, little as it
was. We hope with the future that we shall be
able to do a little better and that when we meet
next year we shall have a more substantial and
creditable report to submit to you. There is only
one little matter I would like to bring to your
notice and that is with regard to the members
of the board. At present they number six, and
I am not asking you to nominate or elect an
additional one, but I would like to ascertain the
views of shareholders whether or not the board
should be strengthened by an additional Euro-
pean member. Two Europeans and I think it
would strengthen our hands very much indeed
if we had the advice and assistance of another
European, but that is a matter to be left for you
to decide and we shall be glad if at this meeting
you will show your approval or disapproval.Mr. Winterburn—Does the bank propose to
take 500,000 out of the working expenses for an
additional member of the board?The Chairman—I may say that the Articles
of Association provide for the remuneration
of each of the directors at \$2,000. However, as
the business of the bank has not been so pro-
sperous lately the directors would be willing to
divide \$5,000 amongst six instead of amongst
five and another member would in no way
increase the expenses of the bank.Mr. Chen Hi said the bank had been carried
on for some years with five members and he
suggested that that number should be retained
without addition.The Chairman—I would like an expression
of opinion on the matter. I would be very glad
to accept what has been said but I think we
should get the opinion of those present. Of
course there is no necessity for making it a
motion—all we want is merely an expression of
opinion, so I will put Mr. Chen Hi's proposal
that no increase be made in the number of
directors.The show of hands was 15 for the proposal of
Mr. Chen Hi and seven were in favour of an
additional member being appointed.The Chairman—I am sorry to say that Mr.
Terry, the present number of members on the
Hongkong board will have to remain as before.Mr. J. H. Cox—Did the Chinese gentlemen
quite understand that there would be no further
cost?Mr. Fung Wa Chuen spoke and put the matter to
the Chinese with the same result as before.

This concluded the business.

ALICE MEMORIAL AND NETHER-
SOLE HOSPITALS.The Finance Committee of the above institu-
tions met at the Alice Memorial Hospital yester-
day afternoon, the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart
presiding. There were also present—Dr. R. M.
Gibson (Hon. Secretary), Mr. A. Ross (Hon.
Treasurer), Rev. T. W. Pearce, Dr. J. C.
Thomson, Mr. A. McKessie, and Mr. Wong
Shing.Dr. Thomson introduced his successor, Dr.
Gibson, and said he was sure Dr. Gibson would
efficiently and satisfactorily carry on the work,
and that a bright property was in store for the
hospitals.The Chairman on behalf of the Committee,
extended a most hearty welcome to Dr. Gibson
and added that the Committee very much
regretted losing Dr. Thomson's services. Those
services were well-known and highly appreciated,
but he was sure that although Dr. Thomson was
severing his connection with the institutions as
far as the secretarial duties were concerned he
would help them with the benefit of his advice
on all occasions.Dr. Thomson reported that all the gentlemen
appointed on the Committee had consented to
act with the exception of Mr. G. C. C. Master,
who wrote stating that he had no time to devote
to the work. Dr. Thomson further reported that
a meeting of the Chinese members of the Finance
Committee had appointed Messrs. Ho Tung and
Ho Fook to organize a party of collecting throfts.
The work

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
YAMAGUCHI MARU	Kobe and Yokohama	THURSDAY, 17th March, at 4 P.M.
TOSA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID.	THURSDAY, 17th March, at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU	VLADIVOSTOK, via SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN, and GINZAN.	FRIDAY, 18th March, at 4 P.M.
IDZUMI MARU	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 22nd March, at Noon.
KANAGAWA MARU	Kobe and Yokohama	WEDNESDAY, 23rd March, at 4 P.M.
*YAMASHIRO MARU	NAGASAKI, Kobe & Yokohama	MONDAY, 28th March, at 4 P.M.
TOKIO MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 1st April, at 4 P.M.

(Connecting at Kobe with S.S. YAMAGUCHI MARU sailing on the 5th April for SEATTLE, U.S.A.)

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings &c., apply to the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898.

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1898.

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STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"

Captain Baiburst, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 13th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 12th March, 1898.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG,"

Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 13th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 12th March, 1898.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS,"

Captain Krav, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 12th March, 1898.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"CREPES,"

Captain C. von Bodeker, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MILLCHERS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 12th March, 1898.

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"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"ENERGIA,"

Captain Saw, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 14th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 7th March, 1898.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at Daylight.

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THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 1st March, 1898.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"

Captain Bradley, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 10th March, 1898.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, LAUNCESTON AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 8th March, 1898.

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FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENALDER,"

Potter, Master, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th April.

To be followed by S.S. "MERIONETHSHIRE," on or about 25th April.

S.S. "QUEEN MARGARET," on or about 10th May.

S.S. "ST. NINIAN," on or about 25th May.

S.S. "CRAIGAR," on or about 15th June.

For Freight, &c., apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 10th March, 1898.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PATROCLOS,"

Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 10th instant.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 8th March, 1898.

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Mails.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for DATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"BENGAL,"

Captain L. M. Whitmer, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Teo for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent, Hongkong, 5th March, 1898.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS: LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG: (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Bayern	Wednesday	30th March
Prins Heinrich	Wednesday	17th April
Prinzess	Wednesday	25th May
Sachsen	Wednesday	22nd June
Bayern	Wednesday	10th July
Prins Heinrich	Wednesday	17th Aug.
Darmstadt	Wednesday	14th Sept.
Prinzess	Wednesday	12th Oct.
Sachsen	Wednesday	9th Nov.
Bayern	Wednesday	7th Dec.
Prins Heinrich	Wednesday	4th Jan. '99

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1898, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "BAYERN," Captain E. Prehn, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE AND CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 28th instant. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY the 29th instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 29th inst. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to MILLCHERS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 1st March, 1898.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA.

IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Columbia	2,605	A. G. W.	April 5
Tacoma	2,549	A. Dixon	April 26
Victoria	3,167	J. Truebridge	May 17
Olympia	1,691	T. H. Dobson	June 7

Also FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Drum	2,601	E. Porter	Mar. 15
Argyll	3,654	W. H. Wright	Mar. 29
Argyll	2,907	W. Ward	May - 3
Drum	3,601	E. Porter	May 24

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HONGKONG TO TACOMA, &c.

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Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

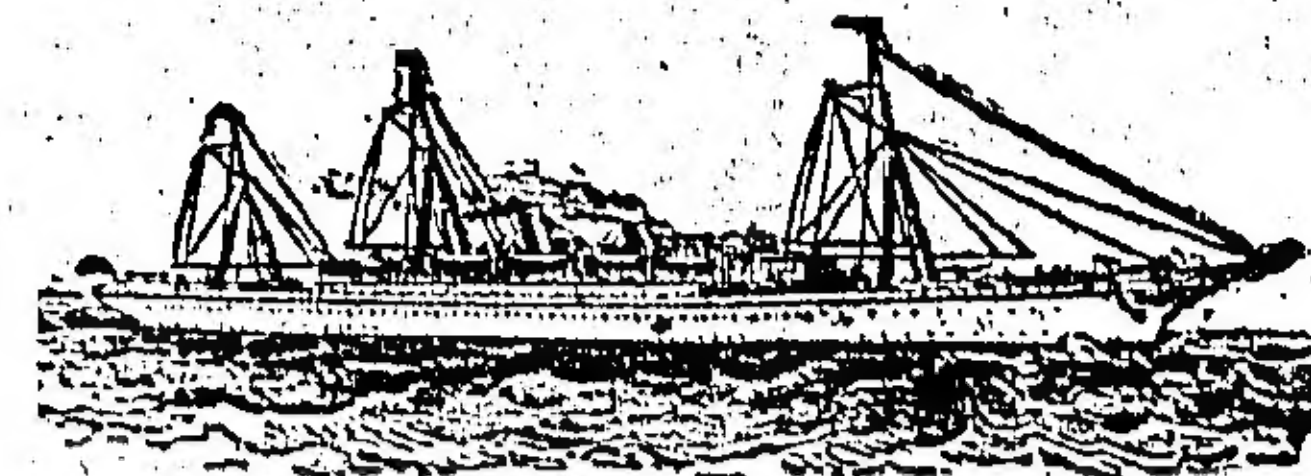
Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, 15th February, 1898.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar., 1898.

EMPEROR OF CHINA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 6th April, 1898.

EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 27th April, 1898.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various ports at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1898.

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Praya's Street.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Venus (via Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama)	Monday, 14th March, at 4 P.M.
Galle (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 31st March, at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 19th April, at Noon.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship

"VENUS" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA on MONDAY, the 14th March, at 4 P.M.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding ORDERS TO OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO AND CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-emb